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Transmitted herewith is an amendment to the above identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.

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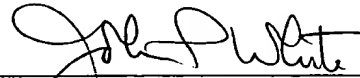
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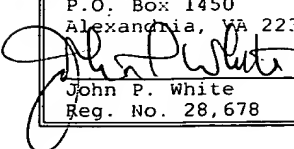
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 24, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued December 24, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the December 24, 2003 Office Action is due March 24, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

In response to the December 24, 2003 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows: